COLCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Colchester, CT

POLICY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Monday, January 25, 2021 ~ **6:00 PM**
Virtual Meeting via BoardDocs and Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christopher McGlynn, Amy Domeika, Suesen Hickey
ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Superintendent Jeffrey Burt
OTHERS PRESENT: BOE Chair Mary Tomasi, BOE Member Jessica Morozowich, BOE Member Joanne Rose, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Amy Trinnaman

1. CALL TO ORDER
   Chair C. McGlynn called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA
   None.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS
   None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   4.1 December 14, 2020
   Motion by: S. Hickey
   To approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 Policy Committee meeting
   Second by: A. Domeika
   Vote: Unanimous
   Roll Call: S. Hickey, A. Domeika, C. McGlynn

5**.** *PRIORITY DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS: POLICIES/REGULATIONS FOR A FIRST READING
   5.1 4115P Evaluation-Certified
   Minor policy language changes were discussed.

   5.2 5124P Reporting to Parents
   This policy will be split into a policy and a regulation so that the policy is broader in scope and the regulation outlines the specifics of how the District will report to parents. The addition of social media will be included in the language.

   5.3 5131.911P Bullying Prevention and Intervention
   The Committee reviewed a new policy suggested for adoption by Shipman & Goodwin that is in line with recent laws around bullying in schools.

5.4 5145.5P Policy Regarding Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972-Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment (Students)
This policy update was suggested by Shipman & Goodwin due to significant changes in Title IX at the federal level. A regulation will be presented to the Policy Committee at the February meeting, which follows District training on changes to Title IX.

5.5 Transportation Policy Initial Discussion
The Policy Committee reviewed 3541.3P Transportation Routes, Stops, and Services. A regional comparison of walking distances by grade levels shows that the Colchester policy has shorter distances than surrounding towns. The Committee discussed potential revisions to this policy. Further research and parent feedback will be pursued and the Committee will review the policy at a later date. No action taken.

Motion by: A. Domeika
To move policies 4115P Evaluation-Certified, 5124P Reporting to Parents, 5131.911P Bullying Prevention and Intervention, and 5145.5P Policy Regarding Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972-Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment (Students) to the full BOE for a first reading.

Second by: S. Hickey

Vote: Unanimous
Roll Call: A. Domeika, S. Hickey, C. McGlynn

6. OTHER POLICIES REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION (NONE AT THIS TIME)

7. *CONTINUED DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Temporary Policies Review
Agenda item 7.1 Temporary Policies Review will be a standing agenda item.
The Committee reviewed temporary policies and Superintendent Burt shared that these policies will be removed at the end of pandemic.

7.2 *3420P Tuition Fees
The updated policy language included the cost of special education services for staff who choose to have their children attend Colchester Public Schools.

7.3 *4214P Transfer/Reassignment
This policy replacement was reviewed by legal counsel and presented to the Committee for review.

7.4 *4218.4P Surveillance on School Property (Personnel)
The revised policy on surveillance has been updated with guidance from CABE in accordance with the increase in surveillance on our school campuses and in school buildings.

7.5 *5131.11P Surveillance on School Property (Students)

The revised policy on surveillance has been updated with guidance from CABE in accordance with the increase in surveillance on our school campuses and in school buildings.

Motion by: A. Domeika
To move policies 3420P Tuition Fees, 4214P Transfer/Reassignment, 4218.4P Surveillance on School Property (Personnel), and 5131.11P Surveillance on School Property (Students) to the full BOE for a first reading.

Second by: S. Hickey

Vote: Unanimous
Roll Call: A. Domeika, S. Hickey, C. McGlynn

8. *NON-SUBSTANTIVE POLICIES

8.1 4213P Assignment

8.2 5145.124P Use of Alcohol Detection Devices

These policies will be moved to the full BOE for information.

9. POLICIES/REGULATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR REMOVAL (NONE AT THIS TIME)

10. INFORMATION ITEMS: REGULATIONS (NONE AT THIS TIME)

11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW ISSUES RAISED OR SUBJECTS DEVELOPED

None.

12. ESTABLISH FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AGENDA PRIORITIES

Priorities are to finish updating the 5000 series policies and also addressing any immediate need for COVID-19 related policies. Policy 3541.3P Transportation Routes, Stops, and Services will be reviewed, and a regulation for 5145.5P Policy Regarding Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972-Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment (Students) will be reviewed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.